

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 664

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jessica Merriweather of Bartlett High School, 2007 Class AAA State Champion in the High Jump.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those persons who through their personal endeavors have accomplished tremendous athletic feats which are a credit to their respective families, their communities, and their State; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Jessica Merriweather of Bartlett High School, who recently won the Class AAA High Jump event at the 2007 TSSAA Girls State Track Championships at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Bartlett High School, Ms. Merriweather is now a two-time state champion and four-time state finals qualifier, having also claimed the High Jump event in 2006 after finishing runner-up as a sophomore and placing third as a freshman; and

WHEREAS, clearing the bar at 5'-10" on her first jump proved to be the winning effort for Jessica, who posted a personal best of 5'-11" last year at the Junior Olympics in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Bobby Merriweather, a former state champion in the long jump, Jessica also displayed her athletic prowess at the state finals by taking fourth place in the pentathlon and finishing third in the 100-meter hurdles; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding team leader and devoted teammate, Jessica Merriweather encouraged every member of the Bartlett High team regardless of ability, according to coach Steve Sullivan, justly exhibiting the heart of a true champion; and

WHEREAS, a high jumper since seventh grade, Jessica plans to continue her track and field career in college, having narrowed her choices to a handful of prestigious colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Jessica's noteworthy athletic achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, as one of Tennessee's best and brightest student athletes, Ms. Merriweather's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jessica Merriweather of Bartlett High School on winning the Class AAA High Jump event at the 2007 TSSAA Girls State Track Championships and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.